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- ☒ 8 pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 3 sheet(s) of formal drawings
- ☒ Declaration & Power of Attorney
- ☒ Claim of Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 and Certified copy of German Priority Document
- ☒ An assignment with PTO Form 1595
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